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Covington man to receive one of nation's largest private scholarships [See A2](#)



His Word

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10, KJV

MASKS OFF — IF VACCINATED

CDC guidelines change as COVID-19 case count continues to dwindle across Georgia

By **TAYLOR BECK**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — People who are fully vaccinated can finally ditch their masks.

Unless in areas mandated by federal, state or local governments, or if required by local businesses or employers, new CDC guidelines announced Thursday, May 13, suggest masks are no longer required for anyone who has been fully vaccinated.

For anyone not vaccinated, masks are still suggested by the CDC for most indoor/outdoor activities. The CDC states unvaccinated people would not have to wear masks if walking, running, wheelchair rolling or biking outdoors with members of your household; or attending a small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends.

Masks are still suggested for unvaccinated people if dining outdoors at a restaurant with friends from multiple households; or attending a crowded outdoor event. Masks are recommended to be worn for all indoor events if unvaccinated.

The CDC states fully vaccinated people may also go without social distancing, in addition to dropping their masks. They may also resume domestic travel and “refrain from testing before and after travel or self-quarantine after travel.

Fully vaccinated people may also refrain from testing and



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If fully vaccinated, new CDC guidelines say people can now enjoy indoor and outdoor activities without wearing a mask, if permitted.

self-quarantine, if asymptomatic, with few exceptions.

However, if a fully vaccinated person experiences COVID-19 symptoms, they are still encouraged to be tested for the virus.

According to the Georgia

Department of Public Health, the seven-day moving average of confirmed cases is currently the lowest since nearly the pandemic’s beginning more than one

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Special | Covington Police Department

Covington Police Officer Matt Holbrook holds 15-month-old Adrian Tovar who Holbrook stopped from choking after finding him unresponsive May 2.

Heroic action

Covington officer praised for reviving choking infant

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington Police officer is receiving praise after his recent action that likely saved the life of a choking infant.

Officer Matt Holbrook was nominated for a departmental award after the May 2 incident in which he was able to clear the airway of a choking 15-month-old infant.

Holbrook was among Covington officers on May 2 at 7:30 p.m. called to a location on North Street about an infant choking, said department spokesman Capt. Ken Malcom.

“When officers arrived, the infant was unresponsive, and his airway was obstructed,” Malcom said.

“Officer Holbrook grabbed the infant and began giving back thrusts. This quick action helped dislodge the obstruction enough for the infant to begin to respond,” Malcom said.

The boy, Adrian Tovar, was turned over to medical personnel who transported him to an area hospital. He was released the next day, Malcom said.

He said Adrian’s family later thanked Holbrook and other first-responders in a letter.

“This letter is to thank and show all the appreciation to Officer Holbrook and officers,

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Some area gas stations still without fuel



Mason Wittner | The Covington News

Several area gas stations were still reeling Tuesday morning from the panic buying sparked by the Colonial Pipeline shutdown. Most stations along U.S. Highway 278 remain without fuel.

Newton pump prices rise to meet national average

By **TOM SPIGOLON**
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Newton County was at the national average and above the statewide and Metro Atlanta averages for regular gas Tuesday as stations continued to recover from surging demand from Colonial Pipeline’s shutdown.

Some Newton County gas stations also were still without fuel Tuesday — especially along the U.S. Hwy. 278 and Crowell Road corridors, according to the fuel-monitoring website gasbuddy.

com.

However, others on Hwy. 278 and around the I-20 Alcovy Road interchange and locations on Brown Bridge Road and Covington Bypass, had all grades of gas, the website reported.

Newton County’s average price for a gallon of regular gas was \$3.041, which was at the national average but above the statewide average of \$2.96 and the Metro Atlanta average of \$3.024, AAA reported. The county is

typically below the national average.

Averages in Metro Atlanta Monday were \$3.020 for regular, \$3.318 for mid-grade, \$3.628 for premium, and \$3.098 for diesel.

Montrae Waiters, spokeswoman for AAA-The Auto Club Group, said the Wednesday, May 12, restart of the pipeline that serves almost half of the fuel for the U.S. East Coast was

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Discover how American cheese isn’t really cheese

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Weather Forecast



Wednesday, May 19
High: 82° Low: 59°
• Mostly sunny.



Thursday, May 20
High: 83° Low: 57°
• Sunny and clear.

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Local man earns one of largest private scholarships in US

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — A Covington resident is one of two Georgia State University Perimeter College students to receive one of the largest private scholarships in the country.

Gideon Melvin and Awa Cisse have been awarded the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation's Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship to attend the four-year college or university of their

choice, the national Jack Kent Cooke (JKC) Foundation announced.

The scholarship provides each recipient up to \$40,000 per year for up to three years and is designed to help the nation's top two-year college students seeking to complete their bachelor's degrees at four-year institutions.

Melvin is a Covington resident and student on the Newton Campus. He is an Honors College student studying political science



Special | Georgia State University
2021 Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship winners from GSU Perimeter College include, from left, Awa Cisse and Covington resident Gideon Melvin.

who plans to pursue a law degree after completing his bachelor's degree.

He has applied to Yale University and

Georgia State and said the award would relieve the financial burden of paying for his next few years of college.

"Now that I have the Jack Kent Cooke support, it really puts me in a place where I can exhale," Melvin said.

"I'm happy to be in this position, and I'm so grateful to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation. I'm really honored and wowed right now," he said.

The JKC Foundation selected 72 recipients nationwide to receive the scholarship this year. Cisse and Melvin were chosen from more than 1,300 applicants attending 398 community colleges.

Melvin is also the third Jack Kent Cooke Scholar to come out of the Newton Campus in recent years, a news release stated.

Cisse, a biology student at the Dunwoody Campus who wants to pursue a degree in medicine, is considering attending Yale University,

Vanderbilt University and several Georgia universities, including Georgia State.

"It's life-changing in all aspects," Cisse said of winning the scholarship. "I still can't process it."

In addition to financial support, Cisse and Melvin will receive comprehensive educational advising to guide them through the process of transitioning to a four-year college and preparing for their careers.

Scholars will receive opportunities for internships, study abroad and graduate school funding and be connected to a network of Cooke Scholars and alumni.

This year, eight Perimeter students were named semifinalists for the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship. The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation evaluated applicants on their academic ability and achievement, financial need, persistence, leadership and service to others.

Cisse and Melvin learned about their award from Perimeter College Dean Nancy Kropf during a surprise announcement on the Clarkston Campus.

In recent years, the Honors College at Perimeter has provided technical assistance to students wanting to apply for the JKC scholarship by helping them with the application process.

"The Honors College is so happy to be a part of this process for Perimeter students," said Lauri Goodling, associate dean of the Honors College at Perimeter. "We love seeing them succeed and watching the doors open!"

Kropf said she is proud of Perimeter's strong history of producing Jack Kent Cooke scholars.

"That's a tremendous, tremendous designation for our college," she said.

Since 2002, the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has award 23 Perimeter students the undergraduate transfer scholarship.

The students have gone on to achieve success in bachelor's degree programs and beyond at institutes such as the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Georgia Tech, Emory University, Howard University, The University of Southern California, Stanford University and Agnes Scott College.

The 2021 JKC scholarship recipients, Diana Ha and Matthew Wessler, chose to continue their undergraduate education at Georgia State.

OBITUARY

Jean Jensen

J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home
Mrs. Jean Jensen, age 80, of Covington passed away Tuesday, May 11, 2021. She was born January 21, 1941 in LaGrange, Georgia to Mr. and Mrs. Yarbrough, who have both preceded her in death. She has also been preceded in death by her seven brothers and sisters. Mrs. Jensen was a devoted wife and mother, who enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was an active and devoted member of Covington First United Methodist Church for 40 years, where she served in many parts of the church and enjoyed her time as a Sunday School Teacher. A woman of great faith, she spent a great deal of her life serving her community and her church. Mrs. Jensen was on the Board of Directors of the Garden Gethsemane Homeless Shelter and she served the Piedmont

Newton Hospital Auxiliary Board at the Cinderella Shop for over 23 years. Mrs. Jensen had a wonderful career of 35 years as a substitute teacher for the Newton County School System.

Mrs. Jensen is survived by her husband Francis S. Jensen, her son Francis K. Jensen of Chicago, Illinois and her daughter Janie J. Berry of Miramar Beach, Florida, her grandson Chase Christian Berry also of Miramar Beach, Florida, her sister Gay K. McDaniel, as well as several nieces and nephews and a host of other family and friends. In lieu of flowers the family has asked to make donations in Mrs. Jensen's name to the St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Private services will be held for Mrs. Jensen. J.C. Harwell & Son Funeral Home, T.E. Davis Funeral Services, 2157 East Street SE Covington, Georgia 30014.

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The K-9 Unit consists of four handlers and their canines: Deputy Mark Sanzo and K-9 Zorro; Deputy Ezekiel Walker and K-9 Bolt; Deputy Tremelle Riley and K-9 Tom-Tom; and Deputy Troy Mason [not pictured], whose canine is currently in K-9 training. Former K-9 Georgia, who was handled by Deputy Mason, retired last year.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

• **Live at Lunch concerts** hosted by The Arts Association are set for Thursdays at noon on the Covington Square. The free event is set to feature:

- May 20: Myke Johns;
- May 27: JJ Hardge.

Sponsors include Newton Federal, Longleaf Hospice, and Discover Covington.

• **The City of Oxford Farmers Market** is scheduled for Thursdays and Fridays, noon to dark; and Saturdays, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the City Green on Emory Street (Georgia Hwy. 81). Oxford Farmers Market is open to farmers, growers, artists, makers and craftsmen who grow or make their own produce or items. For more information, email oxfordfarmersmarket@oxfordgeorgia.org, call 770-786-7004 or visit <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordgafarmersmarket>.

• **Farmers Market** is set for Tuesday, May 25, and every Tuesday through Oct. 26 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Denny Dobbs Park at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington. Newton County Parks and Recreation will host the weekly event that will feature fresh fruits and vegetables, baked goods and more from a variety of farms and vendors. For more information, call 770-786-4373 or email jmeert@co.newton.ga.us.

• **Ribbon cutting for new Splash Pad** and Skate Park, both at Denny Dobbs Park, is set for Thursday, May 20, at 2 p.m. at 6252 Hwy. 212 in Covington. For more information, call (770) 786-4373 or visit www.newtonrecreation.com.

• **Community Kickball Event** hosted by Porterdale Police Department is set for Friday, May 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. at B.C. Crowell Park. Young attendees can learn about public safety by seeing police vehicles, fire trucks and EMS ambulances. Hot dogs will be available and live music will be featured. For more information, call 770-786-2217.

• **The county's new Splash Pad** will open to the public for the season at Denny Dobbs Park Saturday, May 29, at 9 a.m. Days and hours will be Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and closed on Mondays for maintenance.

• **District 3 Bicentennial Service Day Community Cleanup** is set for June 12 at 9 a.m. Meet at the Newton County Sheriff's Office Westside Precinct at 3612 Salem Road (Kroger shopping center). County Commissioner Alana Sanders, the Newton County Bicentennial Committee and Keep Newton Beautiful will host the event. Targeted cleanup areas include Brown Bridge Road, Kirkland Road, Jack Neely Road, Airport Road, and Alcovy Road. Group leaders will need to complete registration packets, and all participants will need to complete a health survey and release forms. For more information, visit co.newton.ga.us/266/Keep-Newton-Beautiful; email newtonclean@co.newton.ga.us, or call 770-784-2015.

• **Free Family Movie Night** featuring "The Croods, A New Age" is set for June 18 at 7 p.m. at Wolverine Field, 8134 Geiger St., Covington. Sponsors include Cinelease Studios Three Ring and Newton County Parks and Recreation. For more information, visit www.newtonrecreation.com.

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SPLOST Oversight Committee questions aquatic center costs, location

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COVINGTON, Ga. — SPLOST Oversight Committee members questioned the recurring costs and the planned location of a proposed aquatic center as they recently discussed adding it to the projects for funding with a 1% sales tax up for renewal in 2022.

The committee, which recommends projects for funding with the county's Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, met for its quarterly meeting May 10 and discussed the proposed aquatic center project.

District 2 County Commissioner Demond Mason has pushed for construction of an aquatic center on county-owned land at Denny Dobbs Park since taking office in 2019. Cost estimates for the facility have been in the \$30 million range, though no formal design studies have been done.

However, some SPLOST committee members said they had problems with the plan because of the recurring costs to maintain and staff such a facility, and its planned placement in west Newton rather than a more centralized location within the county.

Chairman Baxter Bouchillon said the operating costs after its construction typically include personnel and maintenance, which can be costly.

Aquatic centers also often operate in the red — meaning whoever builds them typically have to supplement their operations because user and rental fees do not cover expenses, Bouchillon said.

Its proposed location is on county-owned land at Denny Dobbs Park on Georgia Hwy. 212 in western Newton near the Rockdale County line, he noted.

"Location will be a topic of debate," Bouchillon said. He said he knew county commissioners typically vie for major projects in their districts but their preferred locations may not always be the best sites for facilities planned for countywide use.

However, he said an aquatic center would provide a number of services needed in the county, such as swimming lessons or other water-related programs.

Mason has said he is working to find a mix of financing for the project, including everything from county bond financing and SPLOST to grants and corporate sponsorships.

He said Monday he is still working on financing plans and declined comment on the committee's discussion.

The Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax, also known as SPLOST, is a 1% tax on all sales and uses in Newton County. Its proceeds can only be used for infrastructure and to pay off debt.

By state law, the county must share the proceeds of any SPLOST with the cities within its borders based on an agreed distribution plan.

The Newton County Board of Commissioners established the SPLOST Oversight Committee in 2017 with members representing each of the five commission districts.

The 2017 SPLOST was approved during a special election in March 2017. It is anticipated to raise an estimated \$64.8 million for county and municipal projects within Newton County before it expires in June 2023.

Committee members appeared to agree the referendum should go before voters during a regularly scheduled election like the 2022 General Election.

Choices for governor, a U.S. Senate seat, Secretary of State and other high profile offices will be on the ballot and draw a heavier turnout of voters than a single-item special election, said County Manager Lloyd Kerr.

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year ago. As of Monday afternoon, the state's seven-day average was 607 — the lowest since May 19, 2020 (585.9). Within the last two weeks, 9,029 cases of COVID-19

have been reported in Georgia, which is 83 cases per 100,000. In Newton County, only 98 cases have been confirmed within the last two weeks. As case numbers continue

to decline, officials are still encouraging the public to get vaccinated. Walk-ins are now being accepted by the Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale County Health Departments' vac-

cination sites, including Georgia Piedmont Technical College, located at 8100 Bob Williams Parkway in Covington. Kids age 12-17 may now also get their shot after the

FDA approved an expansion of the Pfizer vaccine. To learn more about the vaccination process or to schedule an appointment, visit gnrhealth.com, doh.georgia.gov or cdc.gov.

HEROIC:

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E.M.T.'s, Gabriela Moble, and all of the town community that saved my son's life. "Each one of the officers came in a very timely manner, and

were all very professional, caring and helpful. "The Tovar family cannot thank everyone enough for all the help. If other cities in Geor-

gia were as helpful and professional as Covington, the state of Georgia would be a lot better and safer state. "We love the work all of you do. You all do

wonderful jobs. Thank y'all so much and God bless." Malcom said, "We are truly blessed to have wonderful public safety professionals

like C.P.D. Officer Matt Holbrook serving in our community. "The good news, stories of heroic acts, like this, of the officers, deputies, firefight-

ers, E.M.T.'s and 911 operators that serve our community are much more common and need to be told," Malcom said.

GAS:

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very positive news for motorists. "While the impact was not seen immediately, Georgians can expect to see a few more days of limited fuel supply but can rest assured that relief is coming," Waiters said. Gasoline sales were report-

edly two to three times stronger than normal last week as drivers lined up at pumps to top off their tanks. By Monday, gas prices had increased at the pump compared to a week ago. Georgia motorists were paying an average price of \$2.96 per

gallon for regular unleaded gasoline. Monday's state average was 21 cents more than a week ago, 26 cents more than last month and \$1.30 more than this time last year. It cost motorists \$44.40 to fill a 15-gallon tank of

gasoline; that is \$7.50 more than what motorists paid in January of 2020 when pump prices hit their peak of \$2.46 per gallon. Most expensive Georgia metro markets were Atlanta (\$3.03), Athens (\$2.99) and Gainesville (\$2.98). Least

expensive Georgia metro markets were Warner Robins (\$2.85), Albany (\$2.86) and Valdosta (\$2.87), AAA reported. "AAA will continue to monitor the latest news concerning the Colonial Pipeline," a news release stated.

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Tom Spigolon news editor

Newton County's young high achievers offer hope for future

In the relatively short time I've reported on news here in Newton County, I've seen enough alleged juvenile mayhem to last a lifetime.



Some county residents, 18 and younger, have listened to the wrong voices in their communities and done things that scarred them for life — in ways seen and unseen.

Why someone whose whole life is ahead of them would commit violent criminal acts — giving them little but prison or menial jobs to look forward to the rest of their days — is for the young perpetrators themselves to answer.

Sociologists and psychologists probably could write whole books about the root causes of teen violence and crime — which is doing nothing to enhance the quality of life in Newton County or Metro Atlanta as a whole.

But there is another, less visible group of young people in Newton County who

are quietly going about their daily lives, focusing on what will prepare them for careers in all fields of endeavor and giving them skills they can use the rest of their lives.

These are the young people who will be leading us into the mid-21st century, who give us hope a bright future awaits.

A number of our county's top students intend to enter the ever-expanding field of medicine.

Consider Alcovy High School senior Aderonke "Esther" Adewumi. She intends to major in biochemistry and molecular biology at Mercer University in the fall. Maybe she will be part of a team that tackles some of our most daunting medical mysteries, beginning with coronavirus?

Newton High School Valedictorian Nathaniel "Skye" Nash said he worked to be the school's top student in part to be positioned to earn the scholarship money he needed to attend the college of his choice without it being a financial burden for his family.

Nash plans to begin his college studies at Oxford

College and go on to its parent campus, Emory University in Atlanta, for pre-med studies to become a cardiologist.

"I'm trying to give back to my family and the community," Nash said, noting he wanted to tackle heart disease which runs in his family.

Social Circle High Valedictorian Emily Hardwar has already done dual enrollment work at Georgia State University's Perimeter College campus near Social Circle. She plans to pursue a doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP), although she admits that's "subject to change."

One of Alcovy's two valedictorians, Logan Dobbar, also already has been taking college courses as a dual enrollment student at Georgia State University's Perimeter College campus to prepare himself for studies in electrical engineering.

He said he's been too busy focusing on his studies to worry about whether he was in the running for Alcovy High's valedictorian honors this year — which he will share with another student — or Alcovy's STAR Student award denoting the school's highest score on the SAT college entrance exam.

Dobar, who also attended classes at Newton College & Career Academy (NCCA), also did not hide under a rock while working toward his academic goals. He was a member of the NCCA Electrathon car team, the VEX Robotics Team, and the Technology Student Association throughout high school.

Natalia Sanchez is sharing Alcovy's valedictorian honors with Dobbar. She plans to attend the University of Georgia in the fall and is considering International Business as her specialty.

She credited her parents with supporting her academic efforts after she was among the first in her family to graduate from high school. They wanted to support her academic efforts after they did not receive the same level of support for their education from their parents, she said.

There's Joyce Li, who is Eastside High School's valedictorian and the STAR Student for the entire county.

She plans to attend Georgia Tech this fall and major in computer science. She admitted she may have been a little better than others comprehending the course work but she had to work hard to make that understanding pay off.

Newton's top students also see their futures in other areas.

Aeryn Barrentine of Alcovy plans to study worship arts and sound tech at Toccoa Falls College

Fellow Alcovy senior Taylor Stevens is the first student in the school's 14-year history to earn All-State Band accolades. She is headed to the University of Alabama to study music.

All in all, the future is very bright for our top scholars who have placed themselves in positions to do great things for themselves in the future. Here's hoping they remain focused and achieve all they want.

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David Carroll columnist

Columnist gives honest graduation speech

It is graduation season, and pre-COVID, I was occasionally asked to speak at a commencement program,



but this year most of the organizers just want to get it over with. I don't blame them.

I doubt the graduating seniors are complaining about not having a speaker. They have only one goal: get out of there with your diploma.

No one, least of all 18-year-olds who have been adhering to dress codes all their lives, wants to hear some cranky old guy tell them to change the world. Heck, they just want to change into their T-shirts and sandals.

I'll use my own graduation program as an example. We were sitting in a hot gym while the principal introduced a local preacher, who shared "The Secrets to a Successful Life." OK, I thought, this shouldn't take long.

The preacher's Secret No. 1 was about getting involved in the commu-

nity. He elaborated on that for a while. Then came No. 2: Do a lot of volunteer work. He started spelling that out too. Hmmm, it sure sounded a lot like Secret No. 1. Anyway, my attention span kept drifting, and I figured he would stop at five secrets. I mean, how many secrets can a guy keep?

After about 30 minutes, he started in on No. 6. So it would be a top-10 list, right? Until of course he got to No. 11 ... and kept on going. I think he ended up sometime the next morning with 23 of these big secrets. He had lost me at "Hello."

Let's be honest. No one ever left a graduation and said, "That was a nice program, but you know, that guy's speech wasn't long enough."

If a new high school grad wants any advice from me, I would make it short and sweet.

I would start with the basics. Money can come in handy, but it sure doesn't bring you love or happiness. Watch the news and you'll see a lot of angry billionaires, every single day.

I would say to them, "Find a job you love,

and you'll never work a day in your life." That happened to me. I am blessed beyond my wildest dreams.

I would tell them that sleep is underrated. Get plenty of rest, you won't miss a thing.

I would tell them to buckle up, to use their headlights in the rain and fog, and to never text while driving. I don't like to say anyone's name on the news unless it's for something good.

I would tell them to do a good deed for someone every day, without being asked. That always puts the cherry on my hot fudge cake.

And then, I would close with the really important stuff. I guess you could call it my personal Top 20 list for avoiding the mistakes so many of us have made.

For starters, a toothbrush is not built to last a lifetime.

Don't wait until your "Check Engine" light is on to schedule an oil change.

Stopping at a red light is a law, not a suggestion.

It's OK to take a close look at your tires now and then, even when they're not flat.

Always pay your electric bill BEFORE they shut off your lights.

Science experiments belong in labs, not in the forgotten food corner of your fridge.

Tattoos are best decided upon when sober.

Don't marry someone just because they look good in jeans.

Styrofoam, plastic bags and aluminum foil are useful items. But not in the microwave.

That Tupperware container Mom sent is not disposable. Clean it up and send it back, for more free food.

Life is a balancing act. Those dirty dishes in your sink are not.

Take a break from your phone every now and then. It's not going anywhere.

Walmart parking lots are not NASCAR practice tracks.

Credit card companies will provide a lot of interest, but not the kind you want.

What you post on the internet lives forever, as potential employers will inform you when you apply for a job.

Buy something on credit, and pay for it on time. Make a habit

of that. A good credit rating will open a lot of doors.

If you park in front of a sign that says, "No Parking, Tow Away Zone," it's like putting \$250 into a parking meter, only to learn your car has disappeared.

Always clean out the dryer lint filter. The person who used it before you probably didn't do it, and the next person won't either.

When your car is making an unusual

noise, drowning it out with loud music is not a "fix."

Got older relatives who are constantly battling serious skin problems? That's you in a few years if you don't use sunscreen.

There's your unsolicited advice, Class of 2021. Congratulations! Now get out there and rock our world.

David Carroll is a Chattanooga TV news anchor and radio host.

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Public Notices

Abandoned Vehicles

IN ACCORDANCE WITH GEORGIA LAW 40-11-2: THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED VEHICLES HAVE BEEN ABANDONED AT **INSURANCE AUTO** Auction 125 Old Hwy 138 Loganville, GA 30052-4814 **AND ARE PRESENTLY STORED AT SAID LOCATION. IF NOT CLAIMED, THE VEHICLES WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER ON 05/28/21 10:00 AM**

YEAR	MAKE	Model	Color
VIN No			
2007	ACURA	TSX	
JH4CL96987C010104			
2017	HONDA	Civic	
19XFC2F73HE077515			
2010	MERCURY	Milan	
3MEHMOHA1AR610025			
2012	GMC	Acadia	
1GKKRRED8CJ106648			
2018	HONDA	Civic	
19XFC2F56JE030838			
2012	HONDA	Civic	
19XFB2F55CE083374			
2007	TOYOTA	Corolla	
2T1BR32E97C765541			
2012	TOYOTA	Camry	
4T1BK1FK1CU008943			

PUBLIC NOTICE #200280
5/12,19

Debtors Creditors

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

RE LINDA JEANNETTE SHIRLEY, deceased
ESTATE#2021-P-214

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **LINDA JEANNETTE SHIRLEY,** deceased, late of Newton County, are hereby notified to render their demands to the undersigned according to the law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment to me.

SUSAN SHIRLEY Willingham
EXECUTOR OF the Estate of **LINDA JEANNETTE SHIRLEY,** deceased
C/O BAKER & Summy, PC
6340 SUGARLOAF Parkway, Suite 200
DULUTH, GA 30097
TELEPHONE 404-566-4535
FAX 404-566-4536

PUBLIC NOTICE #200329
5/12,19,26-6/2

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF JEFF H. HIOTT, JR

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **JEFF H. HIOTT, JR,** late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 26TH day of April, 2021.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON
PATRICIA H. Carter, Executor
THE ESTATE of Lorene R. Hiott deceased
971 JUNE Drive SW Conyers, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #200289
5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

IN RE: ESTATE OF LORENE R. HIOTT

ALL CREDITORS of the estate of **Lorene R. Hiott,** late of Newton County, Georgia, deceased, are hereby notified to render in their demands to the undersigned according to law, and all persons indebted to law, and all persons indebted to said estate are required to make immediate payment.

THIS 26TH day of April, 2021.

STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON
PATRICIA H. Carter, Executor
THE ESTATE of Lorene R. Hiott deceased
971 JUNE Drive SW Conyers, GA 30094

PUBLIC NOTICE #200288
5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

NOTICE IS hereby given to the debtors and creditors of the Estate of **WAYNE ANDREW SHELNUIT** deceased, late of Newton County, Georgia. You are required to render your demands and/or make payments to the undersigned estate representative according to law.
THIS THE 16th day of March , 2021.

TERESA E. GAEHLE
150 ELLIS TRAIL
COVINGTON, GA. 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200342
5/16,23,30,6/6

Divorces

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

MANUEL GALVAN,
PETITIONER.
V.
RUTH AMANDA DANIEL,
Respondent.

CIVIL ACTION File No. 2020-CV-

Fun by the Numbers

Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

	8	1			7			
3								9
	5		8					
				3	8	7		6
	6		5				9	
4				6				8
				5		6	4	2
								5
		4	9					1

Level: Intermediate

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

6	8	9	1	3	4	7	2	5
3	7	1	5	6	2	9	8	4
4	5	2	9	8	7	6	3	1
7	9	5	8	2	3	4	1	6
2	4	8	6	5	1	3	7	9
1	3	6	7	4	9	8	5	2
5	1	7	3	9	6	2	4	8
8	6	4	2	7	5	1	9	3
9	2	3	4	1	8	5	6	7



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Communications Technician** in the **911 Communications Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$16.01 to a maximum hourly rate of \$27.25 depending upon qualifications. Work involves fast, efficient and accurate receiving, dispatching and processing a variety of both emergency and routine calls and messages, and maintaining routing, clerical and fiscal records and reports. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older with a high school diploma or equivalent, and must be able to pass a Dispatcher's skills assessment, physical exam, drug screen, criminal background check, psychological exam and voice stress test. Applicants must also be able to work rotating 12-hour shifts including days, nights, weekends and holidays. Qualified applicants can download a Public Safety Application packet at www.cityofcovington.org or may apply in person at the Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 28, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.



CITY OF COVINGTON JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The City of Covington is currently accepting applications for a **Gas Crew Member** in the **Gas Department** with a starting hourly rate of \$14.65 to a maximum hourly rate of \$21.51 depending upon qualifications. This entry-level position assists in the maintenance and repair of the natural gas utility system and related technical duties. Minimal education and experience qualifications include possession of a high school diploma or GED equivalent and a valid Driver's License with an acceptable motor vehicle record for three years. Qualified applicants may apply on our website by downloading an application packet at cityofcovington.org, or may apply in person at Covington City Hall, 2194 Emory Street, Covington, Georgia 30014. This position will remain open until 4:00 PM on Thursday, May 27, 2021. The City of Covington is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PUBLIC WORKS GENERAL MAINTENANCE WORKER

The City of Porterdale is seeking a public works general maintenance worker to work 40 hours a week performing general right of way tasks for the City under the direction of the Supervisor. (some overtime and weekend work may be assigned)

These tasks will include some or all of the following as an example:

- General landscaping maintenance for right-of-ways and parks,
- Operation of a zero-turn mower, backhoe, leaf vac, wood chipper or work with crew,
- Maintain and repair of sewer and water mains/services,
- Bulk waste pick up that would require heavy lifting,
- Yard waste pickup by hand shovels and vac trailer,
- Water meter reading and accurate note taking, and
- General duties as assigned in the Right of Way (ROW)

The City will review candidates without public works experience if the person has requisite experience from private sector.

Pay is commensurate with experience along with a full benefits package.

Pre employment drug screen and background check will be performed on selected candidates.

Must have current Georgia Driver's License for employment

Send resumes to fetheridge@cityofporterdale.com and/or stop by City Hall to fill out an application.

2426-4

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: RUTH AMANDA DANIEL

BY ORDER for service by publication dated the 29th day April of 2021, you are hereby notified that on the 1st day of December 2020, the above styled Complaint for Divorce was filed. You are required to file with the Clerk of the Newton County Superior Court, and serve upon the Petitioner's Attorney, whose address is 3775 Venture Drive, Suite C-202, Duluth, Georgia **30096**, an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for Publication.

WITNESS, THE Honorable Cheveda D. McCamy , Judge of Newton Superior Court.

THIS DAY of 29th

April 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200328
5/12,19,26-6/2

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

ANTHONY E. FRANCIS
PLAINTIFF
V.
SANDRA J. FRANCIS
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2020-CV-1985-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: SANDRA J. FRANCIS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 22 2021 you are hereby notified that on SEPT. 30, 2020 (date of filing) ANTHONY E.

FRANCIS (plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 28TH day of APRIL 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200294
5/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

NEWTON COUNTY
STATE OF GEORGIA

JOYANN ROSS
PLAINTIFF
V.
TEJON STEWART
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-5-3

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: TEJON STEWART
80 AVONLEA DRIVE
COVINGTON, GA 30016

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 26 2021 you are hereby notified that on 03-18-2021(date of filing) JOYANN ROSS(plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable LAYLA H. ZON Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 27TH day of APRIL 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200296
5/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

KRISTA WEATHERS
PLAINTIFF
V.
CHRISTOPHER WEATHERS
DEFENDANT

CIVIL ACTION NUMBER
2021-CV-883-1

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TO: CHRISTOPHER WEATHERS
2741 PINE GROVE RD
LOGANVILLE, GA

BY ORDER of the court for service by publication dated APRIL 26 2021 you are hereby notified that on APRIL 19, 2021 (date of filing) KRISTA WEATHERS(plaintiff) filed suit against you for Divorce .

YOU ARE required to file an answer in writing within sixty (60) days of the date of the order for publication with the clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County and to serve a copy of the answer upon the plaintiff (if pro se) or upon the plaintiff's attorney (if represented).

WITNESS THE Honorable JEFFREY L. FOSTER, Judge Superior Court of Newton County.

THIS, THE 26TH day of APRIL 2021.
LINDA D. Hays
CLERK OF Superior

PUBLIC NOTICE #200295
5/5,12,19,26

Foreclosures

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF NEWTON

Because of a default under the terms of the Security Deed executed by **Robert A Fagan, Jr.** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as grantee, as nominee for Pacific Union Financial, LLC dated October 30, 2018, and recorded in Deed Book 3765, Page 565, as last modified in Deed Book 4162, Page 27, Newton County Records, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned, transferred and conveyed to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, securing a Note in the original principal amount of \$220,000.00, the holder thereof pursuant to said Deed and Note thereby secured has declared the entire amount of said indebtedness due and payable and, pursuant to the power of sale contained in said Deed, will on the first Tuesday, June 1, 2021, during the legal hours of sale, before the Courthouse door in said County, sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said Deed, to-wit:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 231, 9TH DISTRICT, NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, BEING LOT 9, THE SOUTH LINKS AT COVINGTON, PHASE ONE, PER PLAT AT PLAT BOOK 37, PAGES 248-256, NEWTON COUNTY RECORDS, WHICH PLAT IS INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. THIS PROPERTY IS KNOWN AS 105 S LINKS DRIVE, COVINGTON, GA 30014.
Said property is known as 105 S Links Drive, Covington, GA 30014, together with all fixtures and personal property attached to and constituting a part of said property, if any. Said property will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable), the right of redemption of any taxing authority, any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

The proceeds of said sale will be applied to the payment of said indebtedness and all expenses of said sale as provided in said Deed, and the balance, if any, will be distributed as provided by law.

The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the secured creditor.

The property is or may be in the possession of Robert Fagan, a/k/a Robert A Fagan Jr. a/k/a Robert Anthony Fagan, successor in interest or tenant(s).

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper as Attorney-in-Fact for Robert A Fagan, Jr.

File no. 19-073509

LOGS LEGAL GROUP LLP* Attorneys and Counselors at Law 211 Perimeter Center Parkway, N.E., Suite 300

PUBLIC NOTICE #200294
5/5,12,19,26

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

Atlanta, GA 30346
(770) 220-2535/jw
<https://www.logs.com/>
*THE LAW FIRM IS ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200226
5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE OF RIGHT TO REDEEM PROPERTY

TAKE NOTICE that: **THE RIGHT** to redeem the following described property, to wit: **10 SHADOWBROOK Court, Covington GA 30016** according to the present system of numbering properties in Newton County Georgia, having Tax Parcel ID # 0032B 00000 022 000 and being further described as follows:

ALL and only that parcel of land designated as Tax Parcel 0032B 00000 022 000, lying and being in Land Lot 37, 8th District, Newton County, Georgia, and being shown as Lot 42, Shadowbrook Estates, Unit One, on a plat of survey of same recorded in Plat Book 38, Pages 56-59, public records of Newton County Georgia, which plat is by reference thereto incorporated herein and made a part hereof for a more particular and complete description. **WILL EXPIRE** and be forever foreclosed and barred on and after the day of June 21, 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later.

THE TAX deed to which this notice relates is dated the 4th day of December, 2012, and is recorded in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, in Deed Book 3088 Page 50.

THE PROPERTY may be redeemed at any time before the day of June 21, 2021, or thirty days after legal service of this notice, whichever is later, by payment of the redemption price as fixed and provided by law to the undersigned at the following address: Fletcher Law Firm LLC, 2993 Sandy Plains Rd, Ste 225B Marietta, GA 30066 Please be governed accordingly.

SINCERELY, **HERROL** and Associates, LLC AS grantee of Herrol P. Lewis by Warranty Deed recorded in Deed Book 3346 Page 112, Newton County Georgia records **C/O JAMES R. Fletcher II, Esq. (FILE: 2697.0001)**

PUBLIC NOTICE #200327
5/12,19,26-6/2

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE UNDER POWER NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

UNDER AND by virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a Security Deed given by **Angela Clark** to Mortgage Electronic Registration systems, Inc., as nominee for IndyMac Bank FSB dated December 31, 2004 and recorded on February 4, 2005 in Deed Book 1841, Page 273, Newton County, Georgia Records, and later assigned to Aspen Properties Group, LLC as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable Trust by Assignment of Security Deed recorded on May 25, 2018 in Deed Book 3705, Page 205, Newton County, Georgia Records, conveying the after-described property to secure a Note in the original principal amount of One Hundred One Thousand Two Hundred And 00/100 Dollars (\$101,200.00), with interest thereon as set forth therein, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash before the courthouse door of Newton County, Georgia, within the legal hours of sale on June 1, 2021 the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT AND PARCEL OF LAND, lying and being in the Land Lot 161 of the 1st District, Newton County, Georgia being more particularly described as follows:

TO FIND the true point of beginning, begin at a one inch open top pipe found where the line common to Land Lots 159 and 161 of the First District intersects the South 60 ft. right-of-way of U.S. Hwy No. 278, thence proceed Southwesterly along the aforementioned 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Hwy No. 278 for a distance of 428.57 feet to an 3/4" re-bar found, the true point of beginning.

THENCE SOUTH 21° 48' 48" West for a distance of 842.46 feet to an iron pin found; **THENCE** South 84° 57' 33" West for a distance of 117.17 feet to a 3/4" rod found; **THENCE** South 85° 07' 35" West for a distance of 117.99 feet to an iron pin set; **THENCE** North 01° 21' 11" West for a distance of 294.87 feet to an iron pin set; **THENCE** North 34° 53' 07" East for a distance of 558.79 feet to an iron pin set on the southern 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Highway No. 278; **THENCE** North 77° 59' 14" East along the Southern 60 ft. right-of-way for U.S. Highway No. 278 for a distance of 180.00 feet to an iron pin found 3/4 inch re-bar found; **THENCE** North 78° 34' 59" East along the southern 60 ft right-of-way of U.S. Highway No 278 for a distance of 59.83 feet to an iron pin found 3/4 inch re-bar found, the true point of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH and subject to covenants, easements, and restrictions of record.

SAID PROPERTY contains 5.00 acres.

TAX ID #: 0124019

THE DEBT secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of, among other possible events of default, failure to pay the indebtedness as and when due and in the manner provided in the Note and Security Deed. The debt remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same and all expenses of this sale, as provided in Security Deed and by law, including attorney's fees (notice of intent to collect attorney's fees having been given).

YOUR MORTGAGE servicer, FCI Lender Services, Inc., as servicer for Aspen Properties Group, LLC, as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable Trust, can be contacted at 1-800-931-2424 or by writing to P.O. Box 27370, Anaheim Hills, CA 92809, to discuss possible alternatives to avoid foreclosure.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold subject to any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien,

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Lt. Gov. Duncan won't seek reelection

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

Lt. Gov. Geoff Duncan announced Monday he will not seek reelection to another term as Georgia's second-highest state elected official, opening the door for a fierce 2022 campaign between Republicans and Democrats vying to replace him.

In a statement, Duncan – a Republican – said he plans to create a political organization called “GOP 2.0” aimed at “healing and rebuilding” the national Republican Party amid the fallout from former President Donald Trump’s continued claims of voter fraud in the 2020 elections.

Duncan’s pivot away from Trump via public statements and television news appearances since the November 2020 general election pitted him against the former president and his allies who continue to hold a large influence over the state’s Republican Party and conservative voters.

“The national events of the last six months have deeply affected my family in ways I would have never imagined when I first asked for their support to run for lieutenant governor in 2017,” Duncan said Monday.

“Through all of the highs and lows of the last six months, they have never left my side and are once again united behind me in my pursuit of a better way forward for our conservative party – a GOP 2.0.”

Duncan, a former health-care executive and Minor League Baseball player who served three terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, has focused much of his tenure as lieutenant governor pushing for investments and policy initiatives to position Georgia as what he calls “the



Geoff Duncan

technology capital of the East Coast.”

He has presided over three legislative sessions as head of the Georgia Senate since winning election over Democrat Sarah Riggs Amico by a narrow margin in 2018. Duncan said Monday he plans to preside over redistricting efforts in the Senate later this year as well as during the 2022 legislative session.

Several Democratic contenders have thrown their hats in the ring including state Reps. Erick Allen of Smyrna and Derrick Jackson of Tyrone.

Democrats have already rolled out a roster of candidates for statewide offices beyond lieutenant governor including attorney general, secretary of state, insurance and labor. Democratic 2018 gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams has not yet announced if she will run against Gov. Brian Kemp again in 2022.

Legislator honors local Walmart manager



Special to The Covington News

From left, District 113 State Rep. Sharon Henderson, D-Covington, presents a proclamation to Covington Walmart store manager Jerry Fleming honoring him for his work with such organizations as anti-bullying and youth groups.

LEGALS:

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BUT NOT yet due and payable), any matters which might be disclosed by an accurate survey and inspection of the property, any assessments, liens, encumbrances, zoning ordinances, restrictions, covenants, and matters of record superior to the Security Deed first set out above.

TO THE best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the parties in possession of the property are Angela Clark or tenant(s); and said property is more commonly known as **13064 Highway 278 SE, Social Circle, GA 30025.**

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to a confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the security deed.

ASPEN PROPERTIES Group, LLC as Trustee for Aspen G Revocable Trust as Attorney in Fact for Angela Clark

MCMICHAEL TAYLOR Gray, LLC, **3550 ENGINEERING** Drive, Suite 260

PEACHTREE CORNERS, GA 30092

404-474-7149

MTG FILE No.: GA2021-00501

PUBLIC NOTICE #200236
5/5,12,19,26

NOTICE OF SALE UNDER POWER
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

BY VIRTUE of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Security Deed from **MONIQUE THOMAS** to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for American Mortgage Exchange, Inc., dated January 20, 2004, recorded January 26, 2004, in Deed Book 1603, Page 601, Newton County, Georgia Records, said Security Deed having been given to secure a Note of even date in the original principal amount of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty and 00/100 dollars (\$128,960.00), with interest thereon as provided for therein, said Security Deed having been last sold, assigned and transferred to Athene Annuity and Life Company, there will be sold at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash at the Newton County Courthouse, within the legal hours of sale on the first Tuesday in June, 2021, all property described in said Security Deed including but not limited to the following described property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND LYING AND BEING IN LAND LOT 167 OF THE 10TH DISTRICT OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA BEING LOT 109 OF AVONLEA SUBDIVISION, UNIT TWO, AS PER PLAT RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 339, PAGES 113-115, RECORDS OF NEWTON COUNTY, GEORGIA, WHICH PLAT IS BY REFERENCE INCORPORATED HEREIN AND MADE A PART HEREOF.

SAID LEGAL description being controlling, however the property is more commonly known as **245 Queensland Lane, Covington, GA 30016.**

THE INDEBTEDNESS secured by said Security Deed has been and is hereby declared due because of default under the terms of said Security Deed. The indebtedness remaining in default, this sale will be made for the purpose of paying the same, all expenses of the sale, including attorneys' fees (notice to collect same having been given) and all other payments provided for under the terms of the Security Deed.

SAID PROPERTY will be sold on an "as-is" basis without any representation, warranty or recourse against the above-named or the undersigned. The sale will also be subject to the following items which may affect the title: any outstanding ad valorem taxes (including taxes which are a lien, whether or not now due and payable); the right of redemption of any taxing authority; matters which would be disclosed by an accurate survey or by an inspection of the property; all zoning ordinances; assessments; liens; encumbrances; restrictions; covenants, and any other matters of record superior to said Security Deed.

TO THE best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the owner and party in possession of the property is **MONIQUE THOMAS, ACE HOMES LLC**, or tenants(s).

THE SALE will be conducted subject (1) to a confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and (2) to final confirmation

and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed.

PLEASE NOTE that, pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 44-14-162.2, you are not entitled by law to an amendment or modification of the terms of your loan. The entity having full authority to negotiate, amend or modify all terms of the loan (although not required by law to do so) is: Select Portfolio Servicing, Inc., Loss Mitigation Dept., 3217 S. Decker Lake Dr., Salt Lake City, UT 84119, Telephone Number: 888-818-6032.

ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY

AS ATTORNEY in Fact for **MONIQUE THOMAS**

THE BELOW LAW FIRM MAY BE HELD TO BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR, UNDER FEDERAL LAW. IF SO, ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ATTORNEY CONTACT: Rubin Lublin, LLC, 3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100, Peachtree Corners, GA 30071

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (877) 813-0992 Case No. SPS-09-36501-9

AD RUN Dates 05/02/2021, 05/10/2021, 05/17/2021, 05/24/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE #200285
5/5,12,19,26

Juvenile Court

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF: N.J.
SEX: Female
DOB: 06/15/2010
CASE #107-21J-0090
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: QUATERRIOUS JEFFERSON, Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 15, 2021, requesting that the minor child be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services.

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 10th day of June, 2021, at 1:00 p.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted.

A COPY of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

READ CAREFULLY

THIS IS a very serious matter. This Summons requires you to be present at a formal hearing in the Juvenile Court.

THE CHILD or children and other parties involved may be represented by a lawyer at all stages of these proceedings.

IF YOU want a lawyer, you may choose to hire your own lawyer. If you want to hire a lawyer, please contact your lawyer immediately. If you want a lawyer but are not able to hire a lawyer without undue financial hardship, you may ask for a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. The Court would inquire into your financial circumstances and if the Court finds you to be financially unable to hire a lawyer, then a lawyer will be appointed to represent you. Please contact immediately the Newton County Juvenile Court at 770-784-2060 if you wish to request a lawyer to be appointed to represent you. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE DAY OF COURT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY.**

WHETHER OR not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

WITNESS THE Hon. Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 19th day of April, 2021.

JANELL GAINES

CLERK, NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200225
4/28-5/5,12,19

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN THE INTEREST OF:
A.J.P. SEX: MALE
DOB: 10/15/2005 Case #107-21J-0118
A CHILD Under 18 Years of Age

SUMMONS AND PROCESS

TO: APRIL BEAL, Mother

YOU ARE hereby notified that a Petition (Dependency) was filed in the Juvenile Court of Newton County on March 29, 2021, requesting that the minor child named above be placed in the care, custody and control of the Georgia Department of Human Services, acting by and through the Newton County Department of Family and Children Services.

YOU ARE hereby commanded, personally or by attorney, to be and appear at the Newton County Juvenile Court, 1132 Usher Street, NW, Covington, Georgia 30014, for a hearing to be held on the 3rd day of June, 2021, at 3:00 p.m., then and there to answer why the prayers for relief as set forth in the Department's Petition should not be granted.

A COPY of said Petition (Dependency) can be obtained from the Clerk of the Newton County Juvenile Court, at the aforementioned address.

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WHETHER OR not you decide to hire an attorney, you have the right to attend the hearing of your case, to call witnesses on your behalf, and to question those witnesses brought against you.

WITNESS THE Hon. Candice Branche, Judge of said Court, this 21st day of April, 2021.

JANELL GAINES

CLERK, NEWTON COUNTY Juvenile Court

PUBLIC NOTICE #200237
4/28-5/5,12,19

Name Changes

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY

IN RE the Name Change of:
LILLIAN JOANN Case, PETITIONER.

CIVIL ACTION Case Number **SUCV2021001025**

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

LILLIAN JOANN Case filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on April 30, 2021, to change the name from: **LILLIAN JOANN CASE** to **JOANN H. CASE**

ANY INTERESTED party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the

Petition was filed.

4/30/2021

EUGENE M. Benton BENTON & Benton, LLC
218 ALCOVY Street
MONROE, GA 30655
BAR NO. 053425

PUBLIC NOTICE #200330
5/12,19,26-6/2

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF NEWTON, STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE:

WILLOW BROOKE WHISENHUNT A MINOR

ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE PETITIONER

CIVIL ACTION FILE NO. 2021-CV-803-3

NOTICE OF NAME CHANGE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on the 8th day of April, 2021, **ALEXANDRIA D. TURCOTTE** filed a Petition in the Superior Court of Newton County, Georgia, seeking to change the name of her minor child from **WILLOW BROOKE WIDSENHUNT** to **WILLOW BROOKE TURCOTIE**. Any interested or affected party has the right to appear and file objections. At the expiration of thirty (30) days from the filing of the Petition, upon proof of publication, and if no objection is filed, the Court shall proceed to hear and determine all matters

RAISED BY said Petition.

THIS 8TH day of April 2021

THE BARKSDALE LAW FIRM
P. O. Box 81084
CONYERS, GA 30013
PHONE: (770)760-9383 email: sibatty@bellsouth.net
SHARON L. Barksdale Attorney for Petitioner Georgia Bar No. 037981

PUBLIC NOTICE #200227
4/28-5/5,12,19

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of **DANIEL EDWARD NONE PETITIONER**

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1083-2

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

DANIEL EDWARD NONE filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 6 2021 to change the name from **DANIEL EDWARD NONE** to **IRIKETEKAN DANIEL EDWARD ANACE**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed

DATE: 3-22-21

DANIEL E. NONE
330 RIVER RIDGE
SOCIAL CIRCLE, GA 30025

PUBLIC NOTICE #200347
5/19,26-6/2,9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE the name change of **JUSTICE JOHNSON AKPAN PETITIONER**

CIVIL ACTION File # 2021-CV-1076-5

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

JUSTICE JOHNSON AKPAN filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on MAY 7 2021 to change the name from **JUSTICE JOHNSON AKPAN** to **JUSTICE JOHNSON JOHNSON**. Any interested party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within 30 days after the Petition was filed

DATE: 05/07/21

JUSTICE JOHNSON AKPAN
25 TEMPLETON WAY
COVINGTON, GA 30016

PUBLIC NOTICE #200348
5/19,23-6/2,9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF NEWTON COUNTY STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: the Name Change of **Antonio Marquis Heard**

CIVIL ACTION No. **SUCV2021001023**

ANTONIO MARQUIS Heard,

PETITIONER

NOTICE OF PETITION TO CHANGE NAME OF ADULT

ANTONIO MARQUIS Heard filed a petition in the Newton County Superior Court on April 30, 2021, to change the name of **Antonio Marquis Heard** to **Antonio Marquis Whitlock**. **ANY INTERESTED** party has the right to appear in this case and file objections within the time prescribed in O.C.G.A. §19-12-1(f)(2) and (3). **THIS 30TH** day of April, 2021.

S/HARGER W. Hoyt
HARGER W. Hoyt
ATTORNEY FOR Petitioner
STATE BAR NO. 373125

PUBLIC NOTICE #200297
5/5,12,19,26

Public Hearings

CITY OF COVINGTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
JUNE 2, 2021 @ 6PM

NOTICE IS hereby given, per the City of Covington's Code of Ordinances Chapter 16.52.270, that the below application was tabled item from 5/5/21 Meeting and added to the June 2, 2021 @ 6pm HPC meeting for consideration of a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Covington Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) for approval of the following building plans to be added into the Dorchester Place plan book:

COA#S PCA21-0007 - 0015

PROPERTY OWNER: Dorchester Place Atlanta, LLC

APPLICANT: RIVERMOORE Partners, LLC:

- **COA# - PCA21-0007 - Adam**
- **COA# - PCA21-0008 - Aspen**
- **COA# - PCA21-0009 - Griffin**
- **COA# - PCA21-0010 - Kingston**
- **COA# - PCA21-0011 - Kylie**
- **COA# - PCA21-0012 - Lincoln**
- **COA# - PCA21-0013 - Oakmont**
- **COA# - PCA21-0014 - Somerset**

DUE TO circumstances necessitated by emergency conditions involving public safety and preservation of public services, public access to this meeting is limited to teleconference and video access. **THE PUBLIC MAY ACCESS THIS MEETING BY CALLING 1-646-558-8656** using the following Meeting ID #: 915 5633 1782 or via the following link: Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/91556331782>

THE APPLICANT and **ALL INTERESTED** shall be given an opportunity to be heard before the HPC. For more information, contact Renee Criswell, at rcriswell@cityofcovington.org, or 770-385-2178.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200349
5/19

Public Notice

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT of Transportation Requests Feedback & Comments FOR P.I. No. 0015560 NEWTON COUNTY

IN KEEPING with Governor Brian Kemp's directive to keep state government agencies functioning as Georgia combats the COVID-19 pandemic, Georgia Department of Transportation (Georgia DOT) is moving forward by placing project information for review and feedback into an internet platform to comply with social distancing and avoiding crowds of 10+ people. We appreciate your participation in this process.

GEORGIA DOT has posted information related to the proposed Bridge Replacement on State Route (SR) 81 over Yellow River at <http://www.dot.ga.gov/AboutGDOT/PublicOutreach>.

THIS PROJECT proposes to replace the existing bridge on SR 81 over Yellow River in Newton County, Georgia. This project is needed because the existing bridge is deteriorating and does not meet

current structural design standards. The existing bridge would be replaced with a new bridge using staged construction. One lane of the existing bridge will be kept in service during construction. Georgia DOT is seeking feedback about the proposed project.

THE PURPOSE of this internet posting is to replace an in-person meeting, while allowing the public to review the proposed project, provide feedback, or write in with questions.

AMERICANS WITH Disabilities Act (ADA) Information: To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities contact the District Planning and Programming Liaison, Ellen Wright at (478) 553-3407 or ewright@dot.ga.gov.

COMMENTS WILL be accepted concerning this project until May 24, 2021.

WRITTEN STATEMENTS may be submitted to:

MR. ERIC Duff
STATE ENVIRONMENTAL Administrator Georgia Department of Transportation

600 WEST Peachtree Street, NW
16th Floor Atlanta, Georgia 30308

PUBLIC NOTICE #200258
5/5,19

NEWTON COUNTY Water & Sewerage Authority WATER RECLAMATION Division

PUBLIC NOTICE

THIS NOTICE is to inform the public of a sewer overflow that occurred on the outfall beside 30 Cliff View Drive into a tributary of Beaverdam Creek. Spill data is as follows: Start Date / Time: 05/12/21

3:55 PM
END DATE / Time: 05/13/21 8:47 AM

DURATION: 16 hrs. 52 min.
VOLUME: 20,240 gallons
RECEIVING STREAM: Beaverdam Creek

FOR ANY questions please contact: Kevin Miller, Wastewater Manager at (770) 786-1414 or Mike Hopkins, NCWSA Director at (770) 385-3915.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200351
5/19

THE NEWTON County government proposes to construct a 180' monopole public safety communications tower at 835 GA Highway 162, Covington, Newton County, Georgia. (33 32' 43.14" N, 83 54' 46.40" W). Anticipated tower lighting application is medium intensity dual red/white strobes. Interested persons may review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/ applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file No. A1193946. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/ environmentalrequest , but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200352
5/19

Trade Names

TRADE NAME REGISTRATION AFFIDAVIT
GEORGIA, NEWTON COUNTY

TO WHOM It may Concern: **PLEASE BE** advised that **MARCHERYL EVANS** whose address is 200 FAIRWAY TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30014 and the owner(s) of the certain business now being carried on at 200 FAIRWAY TRAIL COVINGTON, GA 30014 in the following trade name, to-wit: NOW YOUR REALLY COOKING INC; and that the nature of said business is: INFORMATION PURPOSES This statement is made in conformity with O.C.G.A. §10-1-490 et seq. requiring the filing of such statement with the Clerk of Superior Court of this county.

THIS THE 14th day of MAY , 2021.

PUBLIC NOTICE #200358
5/19,26

SPORTS

The Covington News

Prep Baseball

Diamond Cougars to play for GISA title

By **CHRIS BRIDGES**
Correspondent

MONTICELLO, Ga. — Then there were two.

Only a pair of teams in GISA Class AA continue to be alive for the 2021 baseball season. Piedmont Academy, which has won five of the last six state baseball titles, will meet an old rival and old nemesis for the trophy this week.

The Cougars (17-5 overall) will meet Gatewood (17-4) Friday and Saturday in a best-of-three series to be played at Mercer University in Macon. The series begins Friday at 3 p.m. and will continue Saturday with a game at 10 a.m.

“The biggest concern is beating a team like Gatewood that is pretty good four times,” coach Matt Britt said. “That is what really worries you the most. We beat them twice but both were close including an extra-inning game. We are evenly matched. We have an advantage pitching-wise overall but they are also good on the mound. The game we won 3-0 could have easily been 1-0.”

Piedmont’s coach said playing sound defense will be a key for this team. “I expect Gatewood to play a lot of ‘small ball’ in the series,” Britt said. “They are going to bunt a little more against us since we are so good on the



Piedmont Academy will square off against rival Gatewood this week to battle for the GISA Class AA state title.

mound. They run the bases really well so we have to take care of the little things to neutralize what they wanted to do.”

Of course, finding a way to push runs across home plate will be key.

“We are playing better on offense but it seems it takes a while to get going,” Britt said.

Piedmont will be led by three seniors including Cameron Mobley, Jeb Satterfield and Tanner Locklear. Each are eager to return the Cougars to previous state championship glory.

“This is what we’ve

been after,” Mobley said. “If we keep doing what we have been doing then we should be fine.”

Locklear said he is excited about the series.

“This is my second time going for the championship,” Locklear said. “I am going to try and approach it like any other game. If we can deliver offensively, I know our pitching will be fine.”

Satterfield said playing for a championship is a great way to conclude his high school career.

“I think the key for us will be to start hot

at the plate and then let our pitching do what it has always done this season,” the first baseman said.

The series will feature a matchup of head coaches who were also high school baseball standouts during their playing careers. Britt helped lead George Walton Academy to the 2001 GISA Class AAA state championship.

“Probably the thing I remember most about that final game now is how I was on the bottom of the dog pile,” Britt said. “At first that seemed like a good idea but the longer I was

there I was just hoping everyone would get back up.”

Britt is aiming for his first championship as a coach. He guided both Flint River Academy and Windsor Academy to the GISA AA finals in recent years only to finish second to Piedmont.

The 2020 season, Britt’s first with the Cougars, was cut short due to the COVID-19 crisis so Piedmont players and coaches alike are glad to be able to have a postseason in 2021.

Gatewood’s Brandon Moss was a standout

player at Loganville High School, and helped guide the Red Devils to the state finals his senior season. Moss went on to a long professional career before entering the high school coaching ranks. This is his first season directing the Gators.

The Cougars swept Brentwood in the semifinals at home last Thursday. Piedmont took the opening game 9-1 behind a 17-strikeout performance by Mobley. Britt’s team earned the sweep with a 4-0 win in the second game behind the pitching of Gavin Mask who recorded 10 strikeouts.

Mask and Mobley also contributed offensively with homers in the semifinal series. In the series clinching contest, Mobley, Locklear and Hudson Reed each drove in runs.

The first game was close until Piedmont scored seven runs in the bottom of the sixth. The Cougars have now won nine consecutive games and 13-of-14 overall. Gatewood has won six consecutive games with its last loss at the hands of Piedmont.

“It was a great series for us,” Britt said of the semifinals. “The kids really did well.”

The Gators swept Terrell Academy in the other semifinal series 12-4 and 6-2. Britt was able to scout the series in person. Both teams are undefeated in the postseason.



Special to The Covington News

Former Newton speedster Eliza Godwin set another school record for the Georgia Bulldogs over the weekend.

College Track and Field

Godwin shatters UGA program record

By **MASON WITTNER**
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Eliza Godwin continues to rewrite the record books.

The former Newton Ram speedster set a new University of Georgia record in the men’s 400-meter during the SEC Outdoor Championships in College Station, Texas, over the weekend. He set the record with a preliminary time of

45.21 seconds on Friday, besting it himself later on with a time of 44.61 seconds.

The Bulldogs collectively broke five school records over three days as they began postseason competition.

Godwin’s success has carried over from a remarkable 2021 indoor season. He broke collegiate and school records in the men’s 400 and 4-x-400, including

a 44.21-second relay leg time at the NCAA Indoor Championships

— the fastest indoor time ever recorded in collegiate athletics.

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Gov. Brian Kemp speaks during a bill signing event May 6 at Liberty Plaza in Atlanta.

Office of Gov. Brian Kemp

Bill to limit cutting police budgets in Georgia signed by Gov. Kemp

By BEAU EVANS
Capitol Beat News Service

Gov. Brian Kemp signed legislation recently to limit how much local governments in Georgia can cut funding for police agencies. The bill, sponsored by Rep. Houston Gaines, R-Athens, forbids cities and counties from cutting the budgets of most police agencies in the state by more than 5% over a five-year period, except during times of financial trouble such as seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Its passage largely along party lines in the General Assembly came as Republican lawmakers moved to block efforts to reduce police budgets in the wake of last summer’s nationwide protests against police brutality and racial injustice. Democratic leaders slammed the measure as a power grab by the state over local governments, noting also

that criminal-justice advocates have largely called for shifting some budget dollars from law enforcement to other areas like mental health and housing rather than outright gutting police agencies. Kemp framed the bill as a show of support for Georgia police officers who he said “continue to sacrifice their lives for the sake of others” despite growing backlash from local leaders and communities over recent high-profile killings by police including the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis last year. “The defund-the-police movement seeks to vilify the men and women who leave their families every day and put their lives on the lines to protect all Georgians,” Kemp said at a bill-signing ceremony in Barrow County Friday where he was flanked by several officers. Besides limits on budget reduc-

tion, the bill also allows state and local public-safety employees including police, correctional officers, firefighters and EMS operators to deduct pay from their salaries to secure legal representation if they are sued or prosecuted for their actions on the job. On another criminal justice front, Democrats joined Republicans during the 2021 legislative session to pass legislation overhauling Georgia’s citizen’s arrest law following last year’s killing of Ahmaud Arbery near Brunswick. Kemp signed the measure May 10.

Brunette tapped new membership director for Newton Chamber

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Covington-Newton County Chamber of Commerce announces that Katie Brunette of Covington will be joining its team as the new Membership Director Monday, May 10.

Katie was born and raised in Orlando, Florida, and relocated to Covington in 2016 with her husband of 11 years, Geoff Brunette, and daughter, Reagan, 9, who attends Peachtree Academy.

She wants to be a contribution to the development of Covington and Newton County for both personal growth and for the community. She is a professional with 14 years of experience in a diverse background of sales and customer relations. She attends Central Church where she is involved with five of their ministries. Katie enjoys being involved with her daughter’s activities, cuddling with the family’s two dogs, Mugsy and Jelly, loves to cook, work around the yard, and shop around the town to support local businesses. “I am excited to welcome Katie to our team and am looking forward to working with her to grow our organization and better serve our members and community,” said Debbie Harper, Newton Chamber president.



Katie Brunette

Nashville investor acquires Covington mobile home park



Courtesy of Google Maps

Riverside Estates Mobile Home Community was recently acquired by a investor from Nashville. The investor’s plans call for major improvements to the park.

STAFF REPORTS
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COVINGTON, Ga. — The Firm, Inc., a regional manufactured housing community investor/operator, announced Thursday a new partnership with FSP Covington, LLC, in the acquisition of Riverside Estates Mobile Home Park. FSP Covington LLC is part of an investor group that The Firm Inc. has successfully partnered with before and is led by Jacob Harcrow. “The Firm Inc. is ready to get to work in the Riverside Estates community,” Kirby Horton, CEO of The

Firm, Inc. said. “We are looking forward to working with Jacob Harcrow and the FSP team once again. Our entire Team will roll up their sleeves and put our proven process into making it happen. Putting our strategy into motion will showcase another great example of what we do! In addition, we are excited that the current office and maintenance staff will be joining our team as employees and becoming part of The Firm family. They bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to their jobs.” In the coming months, Nashville,

Tennessee-based The Firm Inc. will complete improvements at Riverside Estates. Plans for mobile home park include: • Bring in 20 new Legacy mobile homes. • Remove all abandoned homes. • Sell all existing park-owned homes. • Improve conditions around the park. • Pave the streets. • Improve collections. • Develop additional community services such as a playground, soccer fields and barbecue grills. • Complete a landscaping project to improve overall curb appeal.



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Newton County
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FOOD

The Covington News

American cheese isn't really cheese?



Although American cheese may not be part of high class charcuterie platters or coveted by French fromageries, it has its own unique place in the culinary landscape.

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With its silky texture, ability to melt and mild flavor, American cheese can do wonders for burgers and grilled cheese. American cheese can make quesadillas really sing, and it long has been a school lunch staple.

Although American cheese may not be part of high class charcuterie platters or coveted by French fromageries, it has its own unique place in the culinary landscape.

According to the online cheese purveyor Cheese.com, American cheese is a semi-soft, processed product made from pasteurized cow's milk and has a creamy, mild flavor. American cheese can come in yellow or white varieties.

American cheese is made from a mixture of cheeses, including colby and cheddar. Each slice of American cheese today contains less than 51% of curds, which means it doesn't exactly meet the definition of cheese as defined

by the Food and Drug Administration. To be a true "cheese," a product has to be more than 50% cheese. American

American cheese ... doesn't exactly meet the definition of cheese as defined by the Food and Drug Administration.

cheese is made from a base of cheese and combined with whey, milk proteins and emulsifying salts. This blend of ingredients helps American cheese melt without breaking or turning greasy the way a traditional cheese does.

According to the resource Serious

Eats, the process for making American cheese was invented in Switzerland. In an effort to reduce cheese waste, scraps from various batches of cheese were melted together and formed into a new product. In 1916, Canadian-American cheese salesman James Kraft perfected and patented the technique. He produced and sold the first American cheese.

While American cheese has cheese in it, labels on the American cheese typically sold at the deli counter typically say pasteurized processed cheese. Those individually plastic-wrapped slices sold in the dairy case often go by pasteurized cheese food. The latter has a higher percentage of added ingredients that affect texture and meltability.

While true cheese connoisseurs may scoff at American cheese, the product certainly has had staying power and stands up in many recipes.

Gas vs. charcoal: Dishing on popular grilling methods

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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Any time of year has the potential to be grilling season. Grilling is not only a way to prepare meals; for many, it's also a passion.

"Barbecuing is no longer just a pastime, but an integral part of the North American lifestyle," said Jack Goldman, president and CEO, Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association. "We expect consumers' passion for flavorful food and entertaining their family and friends to continue to increase."

The HPBA's 2017 industry survey found that 70 percent of adults in the United States own a grill or smoker. Those numbers are even greater in Canada, where 80 percent of adults have a grill to call their own. Flavor, lifestyle and entertainment are the prime reasons people grill.

When it comes time to replace or upgrade a grill, the age-old question remains: Do I choose a charcoal- or gas-fueled grill? That decision can spark heated debate among grillmasters, but for many it may boil down to a number of factors.



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Charcoal- or gas-fueled grill? That decision can spark heated debate among grillmasters, but for many it may boil down to a number of factors.

Cost

Charcoal grills tend to be the less expensive than gas grills. The food and beverage trend reporter Chowhound indicates that a low-end grill can be purchased for around \$25. However, deluxe charcoal kettles and other charcoal alternatives tend to be considerably more expensive. The most popular gas grills may cost anywhere from \$130 to \$300. Those who prefer more options and high-end offerings can pay between \$800 and \$1,500.

High heat searing

When cooking expensive, well-marbled steaks or other dishes that benefit from high-heat searing, charcoal grills seem to outperform gas ones, at least according to the experts behind The SweetHome, a product recommendation site owned by The New York Times Company. That isn't to say gas counterparts can't come very close. And deploying a cast-iron pan on top of the grates can help concentrate the heat and allow the meat to cook in its own fat.

Convenience

There is no doubt that gas grills are a marvel in regard to convenience, especially when they are directly tied into a home's propane or natural gas system. In such instances, one never has to worry about running out of gas. Gas fuel tends to be cheaper than charcoal and easier to clean, and some gas grills come with side burners that enable cooks to prepare side dishes right next to their grilled entrees.

Portability

For those who want to grill at home and on the go, then a charcoal grill is the right investment. A charcoal grill can be brought to a campsite or a park without going to great lengths.

Clean-up

Gas grills generally are easier to clean, and home chefs do not have to wrangle much ash or leftover coals once they're done cooking.

Charcoal and gas grills each have their merits. It is up to consumers to decide which features reign supreme as they shop for new grills.



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Having nutritious snacking choices on hand can tame hunger in a healthy way.

Basics of soy foods

SPECIAL TO THE NEWS

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A nutritious diet is a vital component of a healthy lifestyle. When overhauling their diets with a goal on improving their overall health, adults may consider a host of new foods. That's when soyfoods first find their way on to many people's radars.

Soyfoods are foods made from soybeans, a legume that the Cleveland Clinic notes is an excellent source of high quality protein. That distinguishes soybeans from many other legumes.

The connection between soy protein and heart health has been studied at length, and organizations such as the U.S. Food and Drug Administration have reevaluated their stance on soy protein and its link to heart health. In 1999, the FDA authorized a health claim for soy protein that suggested it could reduce a person's risk for heart disease. However, the FDA ultimately concluded that the studies on which it based its 1999 authorization were inconsistent and inconclusive, leading the FDA to downplay the relationship between soy proteins and heart health until further research could be conducted.

Though the effects of soyfoods on heart health may or may not be as significant as researchers once suggested, soyfoods can still make for nutritious additions to a healthy diet. The health care experts note that the following foods that contain soy provide a variety of nutritional benefits:

- **Edamame:** Edamame is a dish of green soybeans that are boiled or steamed in their pods. UCSF Health notes that edamame are high in protein and fiber.

- **Tofu:** Tofu is made by pressing curdling soy milk into a solid block. Tofu has been linked to lower risk for various diseases, including osteoporosis. Tofu contains plant estrogens, and women's estrogen levels go down after menopause, leading to a loss of bone mass that makes them vulnerable to osteoporosis. According to WebMD, plant estrogens in tofu can make up for some of the estrogen drop-off related to menopause.

- **Soymilk:** Soymilk is produced when soybeans are soaked, ground fine and strained. The resulting fluid is soybean milk. UCSF Health notes that unfortified soymilk is an excellent source of high quality protein and B vitamins. However, unfortified soymilk lacks calcium and vitamin D, both of which are found in traditional milk. Fortified soymilk contains both calcium and vitamin D.

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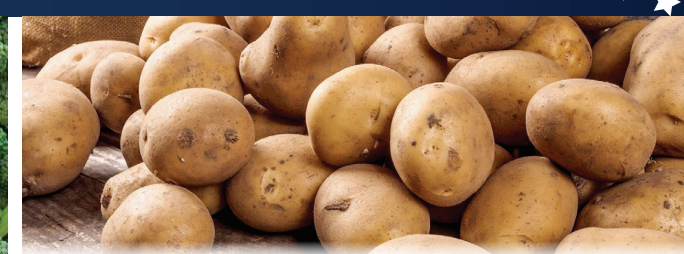
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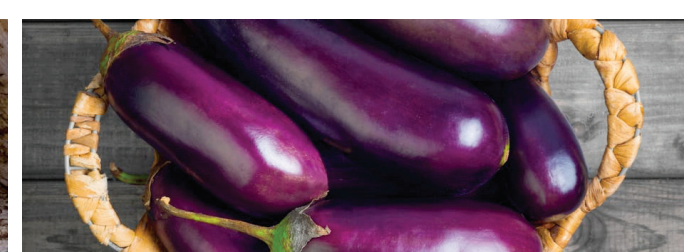
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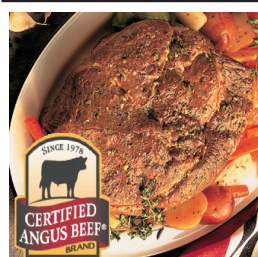
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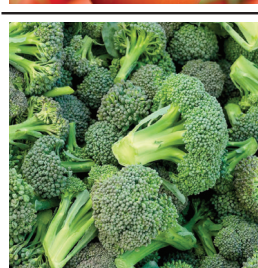
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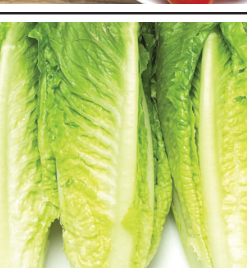
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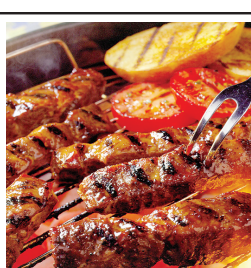
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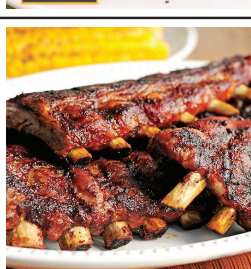
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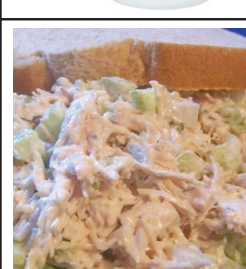
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